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1. COMMENTING ON THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING
SILENCE ON THE MATTER OF MAKARIOS' DEATH, SEVERAL PAPERS
HAVE EXPLAINED THAT THE GOT NEITHER WISHES TO SPEAK ILL OF
THE DEAD NOR TO EXPRESS REGRET FOR THE PASSING OF A PERSON
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REGARDED AS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF MANY TURKISH
CYPRIOTS.

2. A CAUTIOUS TONE CONTINUES TO PREVAIL IN THE LARGE
PAPERS' EDITORIALS. MILLIYET PREDICTS THAT RELIGION NOW
WILL BECOME A SECONDARY ELEMENT IN THE FUTURE OF CYPRUS,
AND THERE WILL BE A NEW START TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE FOR BOTH

COMMUNITIES. MILLIYET CONCLUDES: "THE FIELD WILL NOW BE OPEN...FOR THE APPLICATION OF DIFFERENT METHODS TO SOLVE THE CYPRUS ISSUE." CUMHURIYET ADVISES THAT MAKARIOS' ACTIONS MUST BE PROPERLY EVALUATED AND THEIR CAUSES UNDERSTOOD IF THE PROPER COURSE FOR A SOLUTION IS TO BE FOUND. HOWEVER, BOTH MILLIYET AND GUNAYDIN POINT OUT THAT WHILE MAKARIOS WAS A HERO FOR HIS OWN PEOPLE, HIS LEADERSHIP WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF MANY TURKS AND, IN AN EARLIER PERIOD, BRITISH.

3. SMALLER PAPERS TAKE A MORE RADICAL STANCE. LEFTIST POLITIKA DECLARES THAT "THE VACUUM CREATED BY MAKARIOS' DEATH COULD EASILY BE FILLED BY FASCIST ELEMENTS....THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO DECLARE DOUBLE ENOSIS. PRO-NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) MILLI GAZETE RECOMMENDS THAT AN INDEPENDENT TURKISH-CYPRIOT STATE BE DECLARED IMMEDIATELY. FAR-RIGHT BAYRAK WARNS THAT CLASHES MAY NOW DEVELOP BETWEEN THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, AND THAT IF THERE IS ANY ATTEMPT TO HARM THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS, TURKEY CAN INTERVENE AGAIN. SPIERS

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